



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

October
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TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH

& TREE PLANTING TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Harvest Lunch 12.30 Sun 1st Oct in the Village Hall

The Harvest meal is a great opportunity for villagers old and new, young and old, to enjoy each other's company and is a major social event in the life of our community. So please do come and join us.

Tickets: Adults £8; children (under 10) £4; young children free; are available from:

Heather Gent 01454 218223 or Janet Wells 01454 218549 or via the Community WhatsApp

Commemorative Tree Planting 12.30pm

Immediately before the Harvest Lunch the Rev Sally will be planting an Elizabeth II Field Maple at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park

The tree has been sponsored jointly by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee

All are encouraged to attend this special event.

Diary

Mon	9 Oct	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
Mon	16 Oct	8.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Mon	23 Oct	8.30pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Recycling items and food bins are collected **every** week. Black and green bins are collected **alternate** weeks. For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on the South Glos website

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 2, 16 & 30 Oct

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 11 & 25 Oct

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 13 & 27 Oct

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 9/10 Oct, 23/24 Oct

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 Oct 10.30 am Harvest Festival Service Rev. Sally Wheeler

An 'all ages, family friendly' celebration of thanksgiving for the Harvest; a key event in the calendar of this rural village. The service will include a collection for the Sisters of the church –see below

Sun 15 Oct 9 am Holy Communion Rev. Sally Wheeler & Andrew Gammie

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Oct 10.30 am Mattins Aurea Hart
Sun 22 Oct 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Sally Wheeler

St. Mary's Marshfield – 5th Sunday

Sun 29 Oct 10.30 am Benefice Family Communion Rev. Sally Wheeler

Harvest Collection for the Sisters of the Church

Tormarton church is organising the usual collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for the needy in Bristol. A copy of the letter from the Sisters with full details of the most useful items can be found on the noticeboard in Tormarton church porch or on the village website at www.tormarton.org.

If you are unable to join us for the Tormarton Harvest Festival Service, but would like to contribute to the food collection, we will be leaving a wheelbarrow in the Church from Wednesday 27th September until Monday 2nd October.

Refurbishment of Tormarton Church to create a hospitality area and servery

Prior to the start of this wet period contractors laid a water pipe in the churchyard around the outside of building to enable a supply to be available to the servery and a soakaway was created for the sink water. Thankfully minimal disturbance was caused and the grass will soon grow back.

It is anticipated that the pews in the South Aisle will be removed in early October and that works to relay the floor and provide a servery will commence in the second half of October. This area will need to be sectioned off and the south door is likely to be out of action for a month. If anybody is interested in purchasing a pew then please can they contact Stewart Waters (07775 648484). Hopefully the works will be completed before Christmas.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from Chairman Simon Stevens

Well, it feels like autumn is almost upon us, and the nights are certainly closing in.

I am pleased to be able to announce that through the hard work of Katy Pool the Parish Council have managed to secure a grant from Avon and Somerset Constabulary for solar powered speed signs to replace the current versions that need the battery charged and are proving so expensive to run.

There will be a meeting on Monday 16th October at 8.00 pm at Tormarton Village Hall to discuss how we move forward the proposal to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. If you haven't put your name in to be a part of this project, it's not too late! I am more than happy to go over the project with those potentially interested in helping and tell them what would be involved. If you would like more information, then please call me on 07780 448922.

As you won't have failed to have heard, the Harvest Lunch will take place at Tormarton Village Hall on Sunday 1st October from 12.30 pm following a 10.30 am family service at St Mary Magdalene. I have to say it is one of my favourite village occasions, and if you haven't already bought tickets then I seriously recommend you contact one of the ticket sellers and come along and join the feast!

On the subject of village events, and literally a piece of breaking news as I am writing this, I am excited to announce that there will be a Parish Halloween Party on Saturday 28th October (also at Tormarton Village Hall). The full format is yet to be finalised, but I understand that it will consist of a late afternoon/early evening opportunity for children to visit and 'trick or treat', followed by music, bar, and potentially a food service. Keep an eye out for WhatsApp updates and a separate flyer for further details over the next week or so.

The hunt for a new Parish Clerk continues and, as I have said before, although Jack is kindly continuing to support us remotely from Jersey, we do need a new clerk. So, if there are any residents out there that fancy a new challenge and would like to earn a reasonable part-time wage whilst training for a formal qualification, then please send a covering letter and CV to katy.pool@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 16th October 2023 at 6:30pm. As always, the members of the Parish Council members will welcome your attendance and contributions in person on the night. However, please remember that you can also submit comments and question electronically by emailing him our Clerk Jack at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

TORMARTON PARISH CLERK

Tormarton Parish Council is looking for a part-time Clerk (and Responsible Financial Officer), working from home around 18 hours per month plus attendance at one evening meeting per month.

Hours will be flexible to suit your own commitments with PC, printer and other equipment provided.

Training courses are available and all systems are in place to allow a smooth takeover.

This position will suit someone with an administrative background.

Our preferred requirements:

- Have qualifications to A-Level or equivalent, to include a minimum of GCSE Maths and English
- be ICT literate, able to use word-processing and spreadsheet software and manage a website
- have experience of setting and managing a budget
- have good communication skills

Salary is competitive depending upon experience and qualifications.

Please send a covering letter and CV to katy.pool@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

WESTlink – ‘on demand’ bus service

WESTlink is the new ‘on demand’ bus service which operates in our area. It runs without a fixed timetable or route and can be booked 'on demand' by users through an app or by phone 0117 457 8561.

To find out more about the service visit <https://travelwest.info/westlink/> or download the WESTlink App to your mobile device.

Green Community Travel (GCT)

Are you stuck at home with difficult access to doctors, hospitals and shops or even just to see friends? Or do you fancy an outing to the pub or to a garden centre?

Green community transport provides affordable and accessible transport from your door.

More information is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

The Family Fun Day was an end of summer opportunity to meet up and have a little fun. Thankfully it was one of the better days of the summer which meant that the children's water slide proved very popular. It was interesting to see the level of competition between the rounders teams and congratulations to the winner – you deserved it! Hopefully the children were not too tired for their first day at school. Thank you to the team of helpers who assisted in setting up and clearing away.

Painting continues in the Hall and the colour scheme has met with approval. Other works have been ongoing to make sure the building remains compliant with current legislation.

On Sunday 3rd December there will be a Childrens Christmas Party in the Village Hall between 3pm and 5pm. Activities will include a bouncy castle, party games and a visit from someone special – hopefully Sally will be visiting us again! Please make a note in your diaries.

Village Hall Bookings

The Hall continues to be available in the evenings and at weekends for any function and the Rotowasher which is used to clean the floor in the hall is available to hire, this can also be used to clean carpets.

Please contact Sophie email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange to use the cleaner.

Badminton Club

The Badminton club plays every Tuesday at the Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm.

New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us.

Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further information.

Pilates sessions are currently held via zoom at 6 pm every Monday evening.

Anyone interested in joining, who has already done some Pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834. Cost: £5 per session.

GUIDED WALKS in the COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE – previously known as the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Every month the Cotswold Voluntary wardens issue a list of Guided circular walks in the Southern Cotswolds.

This month they include:

Oct 3 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Oct 10 – A walk with Spectacular Views, 5.5 miles moderate. Meet at Bath Bus Station for bus to Lansdown Battlefields. Walking towards Hanging Hill, then south along the side of the Golf Course, picking up the old Roman road to North Stoke, then on to Kelston Roundhill and so Newbridge Park and Ride to catch the return bus.

Oct 15 – Iron Age to Nuclear Age, 8 miles moderate circular walk meeting at Old Sodbury Church. A walk along the Cotswold Way via two Iron Age hillforts and returning via a Nuclear Bunker and the Grickstone.

Oct 17 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

Oct 18 – Lansdown Levels 4.5 miles easy circular walk starting at Lansdown Park and Ride

Oct 27 – Bristol Civil Engineering Walk 4 miles easy, meeting at the foyer Green Park Station. A walk celebrating the Civil Engineering Heritage of Bath.

All walks are led by the Voluntary Wardens and are FREE OF CHARGE however donations are welcome and help the wardens to take care of the countryside.

For full details of the walks available visit: <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks> OR check the village notice boards.

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths bevhopebell@btinternet.com

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group

The group has been set up by Noreen Finnamore to facilitate the sharing of important information relevant to the people of Tormarton. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

To join the group please send an email to Noreen at home@thefinnamores.com giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

Would you like your newsletter via email?

We are gradually replacing the printed newsletter with a regular email with printed copies for those households not on email. If you would like to receive future copy via email, please email newsletter@tormarton.org with your name, first line of address and email address.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1 Oct Dawn Slade, 8/15 Oct Dee Baker, 22/29 Oct Sarah Smith

Please have All Harvest Festival arrangements in church for 29th Sept – ready for the wedding on 30th Sept

Church Cleaning: Joan Marshall, Brian and Margot Spruels

Mowing Rota: 1 Oct Anthony Hendy

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th October please.